

Washington, DC - Congressman Harry Teague will attend events in Las Cruces on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Congressman Teague will join local volunteer groups as part of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup. Congressman Teague will go out with the volunteer groups and help as they clean up and remove litter in areas around Las Cruces. After working with the volunteers to beautify Las Cruces, Congressman Teague will deliver remarks to the group at the volunteer celebration lunch. The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program with events running from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> annually and involves an estimated 3 million volunteers. The Great American Cleanup is one of Las Cruces' two annual city-wide cleanups. Last year's event featured 643 volunteers who collected nearly 15 tons of trash.

Saturday night, Congressman Teague will be attending the Mariposa MASCquerade Ball to benefit the Mariposa Autism Service Center. The evening of entertainment and masked guests will benefit children with autism spectrum disorders. Proceeds raised will go to fund parent training, camp fees, therapy supplies and co-payments for the "Hearts for Autism Fund" at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. Congressman Teague will deliver remarks to the group and will hear from families, doctors, early prevention specialists, educators and others affected by autism.

**WHAT:** Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup

**WHERE:** Wal-Mart parking lot, 501 Walton Boulevard, Las Cruces

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

9:45 AM - 11:30 AM: Congressman Teague will join groups in the cleanup effort

12:20 PM: Congressman Teague will deliver remarks at the volunteer celebration lunch

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**WHAT:** Mariposa MASCquerade Ball

**WHERE:** Historic Alameda House, 526 S. Alameda Boulevard, Las Cruces

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM – 11:00 PM